

Despite the incursions of the English, these countries retain their own distinctive character, as well as being blessed with dramatic scenery and warm-hearted people.



The view across the Irish countryside and Sligo Bay to Rosses Point

Best of Ireland and Scotland

TOUR PACE

This well paced tour has two-night stays in Dublin, Killarney, the Highlands and Edinburgh. The driving days are of a reasonable length; frequent stops provide ample and splendid photo opportunities.

HOTELS

Modern hotels of note are the George Boutique hotel in Limerick, Glasgow's Crowne Plaza and the Burlington in Dublin. Also featured is the family run Dooleys in Waterford, while it's rumoured the traditional Ballygally Castle has its very own ghost.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE DUBLIN. Welcome to Ireland! On arrival at Dublin Airport, your *airport transfer service* leaves for the tour hotel at 08:00, 11:00 & 13:30. Perhaps stroll around the shops of Grafton Street? Tonight, join your Tour Director and fellow guests for a *Welcome Drink*. Hotel: Burlington

DAY 2 – DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING. A *sightseeing tour of Dublin* includes the elegant squares of Ireland's 'fair city' and a *visit to the impressive Dublin Castle (when open)*. See also famous *O'Connell Street* and the historic *Customs House*, one of architect James Gandon's masterpieces. As evening falls, there is time for shopping and the chance to see an Irish Cabaret show. (B)

DAY 3 – DUBLIN – KILDARE – KILKENNY – WATERFORD. Begin the day with a *fascinating insight into the highs and lows of the Celtic Tiger economy with our local expert*, before driving to *Kildare to visit one of the country's main racehorse breeding centres and Europe's finest Japanese Gardens*. Continue to the *medieval town of Kilkenny to see the 13C castle*. Then head for *Waterford to see Reginald's Tower, the ruined city walls and to visit the famous Waterford Crystal Showroom*. Hotel: Dooleys (B,D)

DAY 4 – WATERFORD – CORK – BLARNEY – KILLARNEY. Travel via the fishing village of *Dungarvan to Cork* for an orientation tour. Acquire the 'gift of the gab' by kissing the *Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle* and shop for woollens at the *Blarney Mills*. Continue to *Killarney where you join a local 'Jarvie' aboard one of the jaunting cars*. Tonight, *dine as you please from our selection of local restaurants*. Hotel: Killarney Towers/Killarney Avenue (B,DA)

DAY 5 – RING OF KERRY EXCURSION. A *highlight Ring of Kerry tour opens up superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains*. Unhurried Irish life surrounds you as you travel through charming villages to view the three *Lakes of Killarney* before spending an afternoon at leisure. (B,D)

DAY 6 – KILLARNEY – LIMERICK. Journey through picturesque *Adare* to Limerick, on the shores of the Shannon, Ireland's longest river and the setting of *Angela's Ashes*. Sightseeing takes in the ruins of *13C King John's castle* and *St Mary's Cathedral*. Hotel: George Boutique Hotel (B)

DAY 7 – LIMERICK – GALWAY – ROSSES POINT. Visit *Galway* to see the *Cathedral of St Nicholas, the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square*, dedicated to the late US President John F. Kennedy. Now drive out to the *Connemara*, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Stay tonight in a picturesque holiday village on the shores of *Sligo Bay*. Hotel: Yeats Country Hotel (B,D)

DAY 8 – ROSSES POINT – BELLEEK – BALLYGALLY. Visit the *Belleek Pottery Centre* before reaching the *walled city of Derry*. Sightseeing with a *local guide* takes you past the Georgian houses of *Shipquay Street*. Continue *around the coast to visit the amazing 'Giant's Causeway'*. Now enjoy a *spectacular drive* along the *Antrim coast road* to your hotel. Hotel: Ballygally Castle (B,D)

DAY 9 – BALLYGALLY – GLASGOW. Take the *ferry to Scotland* and continue along the *Ayrshire coast*, taking in views of the Firth of Clyde and the Island of Arran. Pass the *Open golf links of Turnberry* before arriving in *Alloway*, where

you will visit *Robert Burns' birthplace and see Burns' Monument and the famous 'Brig O' Doon'*. Spend the night in vibrant *Glasgow*. Hotel: Crowne Plaza (B)

DAY 10 – GLASGOW – HIGHLANDS. It's *only a short drive from Glasgow to the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond where you will enjoy a guided cruise on this beautiful loch*. Now into the dramatic scenery of *Glencoe*, still echoing with the cries of massacred clansmen, before reaching *Fort William*. Pause at the *Commandos' Memorial* for a view of Britain's highest mountain, *Ben Nevis*, then continue along *Loch Laggan* to *Newtonmore*. Hotel: Highlander (B,D)

DAY 11 – HIGHLAND EXCURSION. Stop at the prehistoric *Clava Stone Circle* before crossing *Culloden Moor*, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated. Then it's on to *Inverness* and the mysterious shores of *Loch Ness*. Return to your hotel for a rousing evening, Highland style! *Enjoy dinner with haggis and traditional Scottish entertainment*. (B,HD)

DAY 12 – HIGHLANDS – EDINBURGH. A *scenic drive* takes you through the Grampian Mountains past the Duke of Atholl's *Blair Castle*. Travel via the *Pass of Killiecrankie to Pitlochry*, famous for its Salmon Leap. Drive down and cross the *Tay* to visit *St. Andrews*, the home of golf. Now continue across the majestic *Forth Road Bridge to Edinburgh*. Hotel: Apex European (B)

DAY 13 – EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING. Join your guide for a *tour of Edinburgh Castle, which houses the Scottish Crown Jewels*. Pass *St Giles' Cathedral*, as you drive down the *Royal Mile* to *Holyroodhouse Palace*. Now drive down *Princes Street*, past the *Scott Memorial* to see Edinburgh's famous *Georgian architecture*. Later, there is still time to shop. *Selected departures enjoy the spectacular Edinburgh Military Tattoo at the castle*. (B)

DAY 14 – EDINBURGH. *Departure transfers* arrive at *Edinburgh Airport* at 06:15 & 09:00. (B)



Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness
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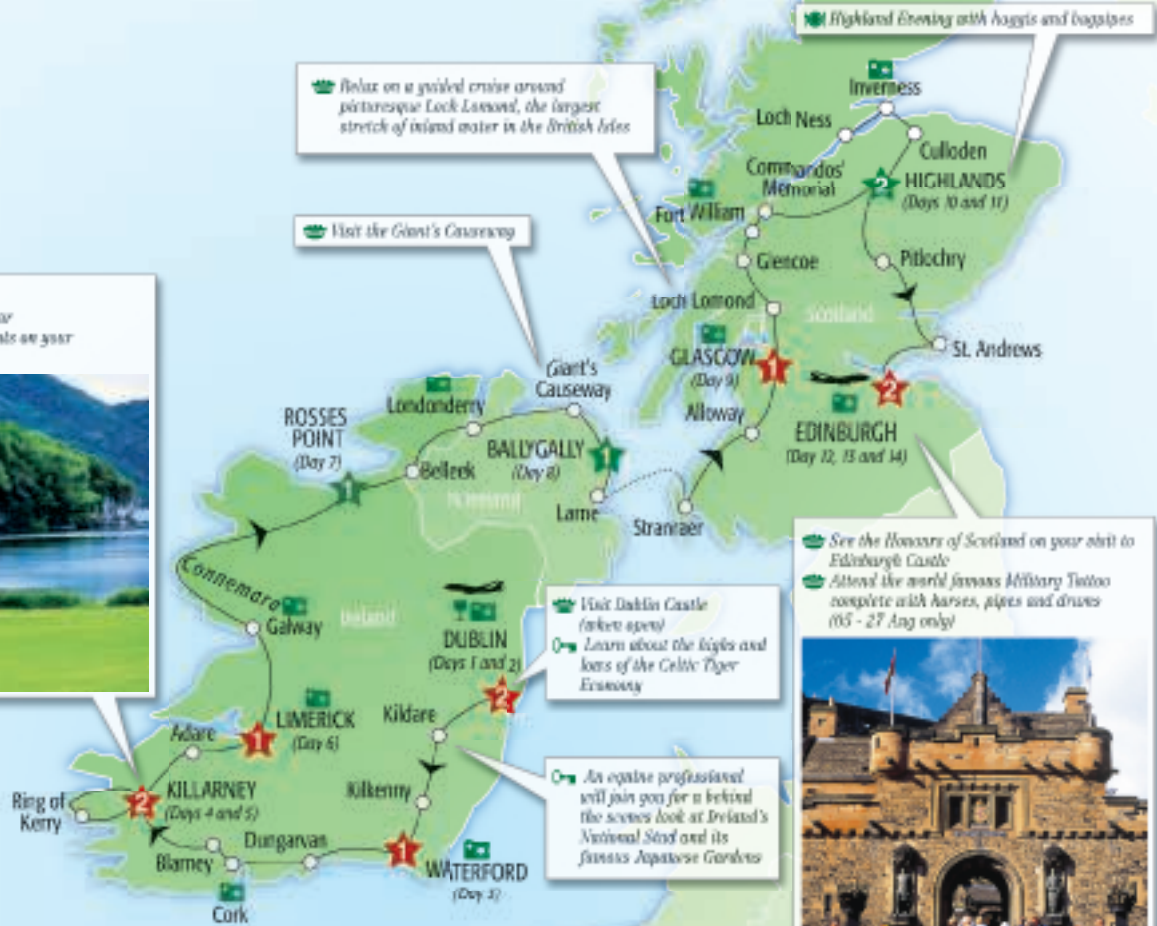
Every August, Edinburgh Castle hosts the spectacular Military Tattoo

Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- DINE-AROUND & HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- WELCOME DRINK
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS

See hotel details on page 181-189

Tour the magical Ring of Kerry
 Take a ride with a 'jarvie' in a jaunting car
 Choose from a selection of local restaurants on your Dine-Around evening



See the Honours of Scotland on your visit to Edinburgh Castle
 Attend the world famous Military Tattoo complete with horses, pipes and drums (05 - 27 Aug only)

- Included Premium Highlights**
- Visit Dublin Castle (when open) the former fortified seat of British rule in Ireland
 - In Killarney, join a local 'jarvie' for a ride through the streets on a jaunting car
 - Tour the Ring of Kerry, a scenic symphony with stunning views over mountains and sea
 - Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Giant's Causeway
 - Embark on a guided cruise on Loch Lomond - one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs
 - Visit Edinburgh Castle for fine views over the city and to see the 'Honours of Scotland'
 - Experience the sights & spectacle of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo (selected departures only)
- Included Personal Insights**
- Learn about the highs and lows of the Celtic Tiger Economy through the eyes of an expert guest speaker
 - Join an equine professional for a behind the scenes look at Ireland's National Stud and visit its famous Japanese Gardens
- Included Other Excursions & Sights**
- See the Customs House and O'Connell Street in Dublin ● See Kilkenny Castle
 - See Waterford's old city walls, Reginalds Tower and visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom
 - Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the stone ● See the picturesque village of Adare
 - See King John's Castle and St Mary's Cathedral in Limerick
 - See the Cathedral, Spanish Arch and Eyre Square in Galway
 - Visit Belleek Pottery Centre ● See 'Derry's Walls' and Georgian houses
 - Visit Robert Burns' birthplace ● Drive through Glencoe ● See the Commandos' Memorial
 - See Ben Nevis ● Cross Culloden Battlefield ● See the prehistoric Clava Stones
 - Visit Inverness ● Look for the monster at Loch Ness
 - See Blair Castle ● Visit St Andrews, home of golf
 - Drive down the Royal Mile to Holyroodhouse and tour the 'New Town' in Edinburgh
 - Scenic Drives - Blue Stack Mountains, Connemara, Antrim Coast, Ayrshire Coast, Highlands.
- Included First Class Services**
- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
 - Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
 - Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
 - Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
 - Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
 - Airport arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 1 and Day 14
- (Should your flights not coincide with these arrival and departure transfers, please make your own way to/from the airport or see page 191 to purchase a transfer)*
- Included Quality Dining**
- Traditional Highland Dinner with Scottish entertainment (HD)
 - Choose from our selection of restaurants on your Dine Around evening in Killarney (DA)
 - 13 full Breakfasts (B), 5 three-course Evening Meals with choice, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

TOUR CODE: B935 *Save up to \$295 p.p. - see reductions below*

| Starts Dublin: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts Dublin: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts Dublin: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts Dublin: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option |
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| Apr 24 | \$2875 | \$660 | Jun 09 | \$2950 | \$660 | Jul 21 | \$2950 | \$660 | Sep 01 | \$2975 | \$660 |
| May 01 | \$2950 | \$660 | Jun 12 | \$2950 | \$660 | # Jul 24 | \$3099 | \$660 | Sep 04 | \$2975 | \$660 |
| May 05 | \$2950 | \$660 | Jun 16 | \$2950 | \$660 | # Jul 28 | \$3099 | \$660 | Sep 08 | \$2975 | \$660 |
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| Jun 05 | \$2950 | \$660 | Jul 17 | \$2950 | \$660 | Aug 28 | \$2950 | \$660 | | | |

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SAVE up to \$155 per person with 2nd Tour Discount

SAVE up to \$155 per person with Frequent Traveller Discount

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| Early Payment Discount | 12 months | 10 months | 6 months |
| SAVE per person | \$295 | \$220 | \$150 |

For additional information regarding Insight's great Savings & Discounts, please see page 18.

Extra Accommodation

| Per person, per night | Twin | Single | Triple |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Burlington, Dublin | \$130 | \$190 | \$124 |
| Apex European, Edinburgh | | | |
| 05 Aug - 27 Aug '11 | \$177 | \$262 | N/A |
| All other times | \$153 | \$238 | N/A |

Notes

Tours start on Sundays/Thursdays and end on Saturdays/Wednesdays.

Departures include the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

DEF **Definite Departures (DEF)** are tour dates guaranteed to operate. These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com (see page 19 for details).

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